



Frequently Asked Questions about the Reduction of Federal Unemployment Benefits due to Sequestration

Due to automatic federal spending cuts, known as sequestration, beginning Monday, April 8, 2013, weekly payments of Federally Extended Unemployment Insurance benefits, also known as EEUC, or weeks 27-63 of benefits, will be reduced by 10.7% as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. This reduction will remain in effect for each week through the end of September 2013. Regular State Unemployment Insurance benefits, or weeks 1-26, will not be affected.

What is the difference between Regular State Unemployment benefits and Federally Extended benefits?

- Regular State Unemployment benefits are the first 26 weeks of benefits.
- Federally Extended Unemployment benefits (also known as EEUC) are weeks 27-63 of benefits.

How do I know if I'm receiving Federally Extended benefits?

If you are receiving Federally Extended benefits, under the column "Program" on your Uplink® homepage:

- "EEUC" will be listed and under the column "Status,"
- "Open" will be displayed, meaning your EEUC claim is open.
- If you are currently receiving Regular State benefits, under the column "Program," "UT" will be listed and under the column "Status," "Open" will be displayed, meaning your Regular State benefit claim is still open.

Why is this happening?

Due to automatic federal spending cuts, known as sequestration, the U.S. Department of Labor has ordered the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to begin reducing weekly payments of Federally Extended Unemployment benefits by 10.7% as soon as possible. DWD will begin paying the reduced weekly amount as ordered beginning Monday, April 8, 2013.

When will the reduction of Federally Extended Unemployment benefits begin?

Beginning Monday, April 8, 2013, weekly payments will be reduced.

By how much will Federally Extended benefits be reduced?

Beginning Monday, April 8, 2013, weekly payments will be reduced by 10.7%.

How long will Federally Extended benefits be reduced?

The weekly reduction in benefits will be in effect until September, 2013. You should visit your Uplink® homepage or the DWD website, www.in.gov/dwd weekly for updated information.

How much will my weekly benefits be?

You can estimate your reduced weekly benefit amount by multiplying your previous weekly benefit amount by 0.893. For example, if your normal weekly benefit amount is \$275: $\$275 \times 0.893 = \245.57 . Your reduced weekly benefit payment would be \$245.57. The amount will always be rounded down to the next lower cent.

If I am receiving Regular State benefits, how will I know how many weeks of benefits I have remaining?

You can figure out how many weeks of benefits you have remaining by visiting your Uplink® homepage:

- Under the column "Status" on your homepage there is a row labeled "Open."
- In this same row to the left of the word "Open" there is a number listed under "Maximum Benefits." This number is how much money you have remaining in your current benefit program.

- To the right of this number there is a number listed under “Weekly Benefits.” This is the maximum amount of money you can receive weekly.
- Divide your “Maximum Benefits” number by your “Weekly Benefits” number to determine the number of weeks you have remaining if you collect the maximum benefit each week.

How will I know if or when the situation changes?

Hoosiers should visit their Uplink® homepage and DWD’s website, www.in.gov/dwd for the latest updates on Federally Extended benefits.